

## *Module 2: Essential Principles for Care*

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### **Handout L: How Family-Centered Is Our Program?**

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<b>Family-Centered Services</b>	<b>How Are We Doing This Now?</b>	<b>How Could We Do This Better?</b>
The family is recognized as the child's most constant and important caregiver.		
The family and professionals collaborate as partners.		
Communication is open and honest, in both directions, between the family and professionals.		
Individual strengths and differences are respected among families.		
Services are flexible and responsive to the family's needs.		
Family-to-family support is encouraged.		
Children with chronic conditions and their families are treated like other children and families, and not defined by their condition.		